

(3) Applications received will be reviewed, scored, and ranked quarterly. Unless withdrawn by the applicant, the Agency will retain unsuccessful applications that score 70 points or more, for consideration in subsequent reviews, through a total of four quarterly reviews. Applications unsuccessful after 4 quarters will be returned.

(b) *Availability of funds.* If an application is received, scored, and ranked, but insufficient funds remain to fully fund it, the Agency may elect to fund an application requesting a smaller amount that has a lower score. Before this occurs, the Agency, as applicable, will provide the higher scoring applicant the opportunity to reduce the amount of its request to the amount of funds available. If the applicant agrees to lower its request, it must certify that the purposes of the project can be met, and the Agency must determine that the project is financially feasible at the lower amount.

(c) *Applicant notification.* The Agency will notify applicants regarding their selection or non-selection, provide appeal rights of unsuccessful applicants, and closing procedures for the loans and/or grants to awardees.

(d) *Closing.* Awardees unable to complete closing for obligation within 90 days will forfeit their funding. Such funding will revert back to the Agency for later use.

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§ 4280.320 Grant administration.

(a) *Oversight.* Any MDO receiving a grant under this program is subject to Agency oversight, with site visits and inspection of records occurring at the discretion of the Agency. In addition, MDOs receiving a grant under this subpart must submit reports, as specified in paragraphs (a)(1) through (3) of this section.

(1) On a quarterly basis, within 30 days after the end of each Federal fiscal quarter, the microlender will provide to the Agency an Agency-approved quarterly report containing such information as the Agency may require to ensure that funds provided are being used for the purposes for which the grant was made, including:

(i) SF-PPR, “Performance Progress Report,” including narrative reporting information as required by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) circulars and successor regulations. This report will include information on the microlender’s technical assistance, training, and/or enhancement activity, and grant expenses, milestones met, or unmet, explanation of difficulties, observations and other such information;

(ii) As appropriate, SF-270; and

(iii) If requesting grant funding at the time of reporting, SF-PPR-E, “Activity Based Expenditures.”

(2) If a microlender has more than one grant from the Agency, a separate report must be made for each.

(3) Other reports may be required by the Agency from time to time in the event of poor performance or other such occurrences that require more than the usual set of reporting information.

(b) *Payments.* The Agency will make grant payments not more often than on a quarterly basis. The first payment may be made in advance and will equal no more than one fourth of the grant award. Payment requests must be submitted on Standard Form 270 and will only be paid if reports are up to date and approved.

§ 4280.321 Grant and loan servicing.

In addition to the ongoing oversight of the participating MDOs:

(a) *Grants.* Grants will be serviced in accordance with all applicable regulations:

(1) Department of Agriculture regulations including, but not limited to 7 CFR part 1951, subparts E and O, parts 3015, 3016, 3017, 3018, 3019, and 3052; and

(2) Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations including, but not limited to, 2 CFR parts 215, 220, 230, and OMB Circulars A-110 and A-133.

(b) *Loans.* Loans to microlenders will be serviced in accordance with the following:

(1) Department of Agriculture regulations 7 CFR part 1951, subparts E, O, and R;

(2) Other Department of Agriculture regulations as may be applicable; and

(3) OMB Circular A-129.